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City Decreases River Water Consumption By 1.25 Million Gallons per Day

Kerrville-The upper reaches of the Guadalupe River Basin have not received much relief from the ongoing drought this year. The Spring rains didn't do much to recharge the Edwards Plateau Aquifer which feeds the springs that sustain the Guadalupe River flow. The River is now flowing at a record low rate of 6 cubic feet per second. The City of Kerrville recovers 80-95% of its drinking water out of the river, but in times like these it is just as important to keep the river flowing to assure a healthy river system and a flow for downstream use and recreation.

In order to be good neighbors and good stewards of our resources, the City has decreased the amount of diverted surface water from the Guadalupe by 1.25 million gallons per day, or 32%. The water will be made up out of two aquifer storage and recovery wells, 8 ground water wells, and impounded surface water. Over 720 million gallons are stored in the aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) system, 273 million gallons of surface water are stored in Nimitz Lake, and a new ground water well next to Mount Wesley has recently been completed. However, stored water could be consumed rather quickly if we do not take steps to conserve it. Please use all the conservation measures you can to help keep our water supply plentiful and the aquatic environment healthy; with your help we can ensure that water is available to

sustain us into the future and possibly avoid mandatory advanced stages of the water conservation plan.

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